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NEWS SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 13, 1973

(MON. NETS, WIRES. MAGS SEPARATE)

THE MAJOR STORIES OF THE DAY:

- RN UNVEILED A NEW PLAN TO BUILD HIS CREDIBILITY, LED  
NBC, BUT PRESENTATION WAS SOMEWHAT FLAWED W/DISCLOSURE THAT  
ANOTHER RECORDING IS MISSING....W/WH BREAKFAST, LED CBS, RN  
BEGAN CAMPAIGN TO REGAIN CREDIBILITY, BUT BEFORE MORNING WAS  
OUT, WH LAWYER WAS IN COURT TO SAY OTHER PIECE OF EVIDENCE  
IS GONE....RN BEGAN WHAT WH SAYS IS NEW EFFORT TO DEAL FORTH-  
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RITELY W/ALLEGATIONS, LED ABC, BUT ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS W/PLEDGE  
TO TURN OVER NEW MATERIAL CAME A NEW EMBARRASSMENT W/ANOTHER ITEM  
OF SUBPEONAED EVIDENCE REVEALED AS NOT EXISTENT....UPI LEADS:  
"RN PROMISED TO START MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO BOLSTER HIS

CREDIBILITY AND TO PROVE HIS HONESTY."

- BUZHARDT DISCLOSING HE LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT THERE'S NO DICTABELT OF RN'S RECOLLECTIONS OF 4/15 DEAN MEETING WAS LEAD FILM STORY ON ABC/CBS WHILE NBC BEGAN W/RN'S STATEMENT ON THE TAPES W/STORY FROM COURT FOLLOWING GOP BREAKFAST REPORT.... COURT WAS "STUNNED," SAID ABC WHEN BUZHARDT REVEALED THE TAPE OF WHICH HE WROTE COX ABOUT IN JUNE CAN'T NOW BE FOUND....GRAHAM OF CBS SAID PROSECUTOR BEN-VENISTE IMPLIED WH IS VICTIM OF EARLIER COVER STORY, I.E., IT PUT OUT EARLIER STORY ON DICTABELT TO COVER UP THEN UNKNOWN STORY OF SECRET TAPES THEMSELVES....NBC'S GRAHAM EMPHASIZED A NUMBER OF "DON'T RECALLS" BY BUZHARDT.

- NBC PROVIDED MOST COMPLETE REPORT OF RN'S STATEMENT TO PRODUCE MORE MATERIAL. ALL NETS NOTED RN WILL PROVIDE NOTES OF THE 4/15 MEETING....ON ALL NETS, RZ EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE 7 TAPES AND ADD'L MATERIAL WILL ENABLE THE COURT TO DETERMINE THE TAPES WERE IN FACT NEVER MADE AND THAT RN'S NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN W'GATE....ABC/NBC BOTH SAW MEETING W/GOP LEADERS HEADING OFF ANY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO DIVORCE PARTY FROM RN. IT BOUGHT RN SOME TIME, SAID ABC. NBC'S KIKER SAID GOP MORALE WAS OBVIOUSLY BOOSTED BY THE SESSION....FORD ON ABC/NBC SAID RN IS PERSONALLY TAKING OFFENSIVE TO CLEAR THE AIR W/FULL DISCLOSURE....ALSO ON BOTH THOSE NETS, SCOTT SAID RN ADMITTED HE'D MADE MISTAKES, BUT HADN'T COMMITTED ANY WRONGS....ON CBS, JOHN ANDERSON SAW EVERY INDICATION THAT RN APPRECIATES FULL ENORMITY OF HIS PROBLEM AND HE'S READY TO PROVIDE FULL INFO.

- HILL MOVING SWIFTLY TO GIVE RN MORE POWER TO DEAL W/ENERGY CRISIS, SAID NBC. ALL NETS NOTED OVERWHELMING HOUSE APPROVAL FOR PIPELINE AND SEN. INTERIOR BILL GIVING RN NEW POWERS, INCLUDING PROVISION FOR GASOLINE RATIONING WHEN IT BECOMES A "SCARCE FUEL." ....DOW-JONES DOWN ANOTHER 11 POINTS IN ENERGY-SHORTAGE RELATED DECLINE. THUS DROPPED BELOW 900 FOR 1ST TIME IN OVER 2 MONTHS.

- ALL NETS NOTED "UNUSUALLY LONG" HAK-MAO TALK OF 3 HOURS UNCLASSIFIED

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W/NBC-CBS NOTING MAO'S WARM REGARDS WERE SENT TO RN. STILL PHOTO OF SESSION ON CBS WHERE KALB SAID LENGTH OF MEETING SEEMS TO FORESHADOW "DRAMATIC BREAKTHRU."....ALL W/FILM OF FRIENDLY HAK/CHOU SESSION -- BY NOW, THEY'RE ALMOST OLD FRIENDS, SAID KAPLOW. ALL NETS ALSO W/HAK CLIP AS HE WATCHED REVOLUTIONARY BALLET.

- HAK ON ABC/CBS FILM SAID QUESTION OF SOME FORM OF GUARANTEE FOR ISRAELI SECURITY WILL HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED ONCE ISRAEL W/DRAWS FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. NBC NOTED....NBC/CBS FILM AS HAK EXPLAINED US SUPPORT OF ISRAEL ON BOTH EMOTIONAL GROUNDS AND/OR THE PRINCIPLE OF NOT ALLOWING NATIONS TO BE TAKEN OVER BY FORCE....ON NBC HE ALSO POINTED OUT US WON'T BE SWAYED IN POLICY BY PRESSURE BASED ON TEMPORARY OIL MONOPOLY HELD BY ARABS....

TO HAK EXPECTATION OF DIRECT TALKS, IN DEC, MEIR SAID IT'S NEWS TO HER, NOTED CBS....ON NBC FILM, MEIR WAS REPORTED HAVING HARD TIME REGAINING EUROPEAN SUPPORT -- MORAL PERSUASION DOESN'T HEAT HOMES, NOTED UTLEY -- AND WHILE GRATEFUL FOR US SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF US DESIRE TO IMPROVE TIES W/ARABS, SHE SAID SITUATION ISN'T EXACTLY "EVENHANDED" GIVEN 100 PER CENT RUSS SUPPORT TO WHATEVER ARABS WANT.

- EGYPT SAYS C-F IMPLEMENTATION EFFORTS "HAVE REACHED A CRISIS STAGE." HOWEVER, AS ALL NETS NOTED, FOLLOWING SOME CONTRETEMPS, ISRAEL DID HAND OVER CONTROL OF CAIRO-SUEZ CHECKPOINT TO UN. "SNAGS," NOTED ABC. SOME PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS, BUT ACCORD'S GETTING UNDERWAY, SAID NBC...."HITCHES," SAID CBS W/CRONKITE SAYING THE INK WAS HARDLY DRY BEFORE PROBLEMS OCCURRED. CBS ONLY NET W/FILM ON THE DELAYS, BUT QUINT SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION THE FRAGILE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP WAS HARMED....WALDHEIM STRONGLY PROTESTED ISRAELI CONDUCT, NOTED CBS.  
HAK

HAK WAS "UNEXPECTEDLY" CALLED TO MEETING W/MAO, SAID ABC WHICH NOTED CHOU TERMED HAK THE M-E CYCLONE." KAPLOW ALSO NOTED QUIPS RE: WHISKEY AS HAK/CHOU MET FOR 4TH TIME IN 3 DAYS. NO DETAILS ON TALKS....NBC'S VALERIANI ALSO CALLED MAO VISIT "UNEXPECTED" AND SAID THAT AS USUAL, THERE WAS ONLY SKIMPY INFO. HAK PROBABLY ASSURED CHOU THERE WAS NO "SUPERPOWER" COLLUSION IN M-E. ABC'S KAPLOW NOTED W/USSR OF CONTINUING GREAT CONCERN TO PRC, CHOU PROBABLY SOUGHT EXPLANATION AS TO HOW US/USSR REACHED ACCORD.... KALB CALLED PRC A BACKDROP FOR HAK'S CONTINUED CONTROL OVER  
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M-E DEVELOPMENTS....KALB ALSO NOTED THAT BALLETT CRITIC IS NOT AMONG HAK'S MANY TALENTS, BUT HE WARMLY APPLAUDED THE SHOW.... IF ANY MAJOR ISSUES WERE TO BE SETTLED W/CHOU, THEY WERE PROBABLY TAKEN CARE OF AT 1 HR. SAT. SESSION W/HAK-CHOU ALONE W/TRANSLATOR.

STATE'S MCCLOSKEY HAD "NO COMMENT" WHEN ASKED IF COMMUNIQUE REFERRING TO FUTHER US W/DRAWAL FROM TAIWAN WOULD BE ISSUED.... CHIANG SAID ANY MOVE TO "NEGOTIATE" OR "COMPROMISE" W/PRC WOULD MEAN DESTRUCTION OF EVERYTHING TAIWAN HAS BEEN FIGHTING FOR. AND HE SAID ATTEMPTS TO SEEK WORLD BALANCE OF POWER ARE "ONLY AN EXCUSE OF APPEASER. THEY TALK COMPROMISE..., BUT ARE ACTUALLY PUSHING WORLD TOWARD WAR." CHIANG ADDED "PRC IS AGAIN RESORTING TO OLD DIRTY TRICK OF CONDUCTING SMILING OFFENSIVE ABROAD WHILE SENDING OUT POISONOUS PEACE-TALK BALLOONS IN OUR DIRECTION."

HAK SAID US WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE W/USSR AND OTHER NATIONS ON AGREEMENT TO REDUCE OR HALT ARMS SUPPLIES TO M-E...ON ABC/CBS FILM, HAK SAID "IF NEGOTIATIONS SUCCEED THERE'LL BE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM ESPECIALLY FOR ISRAEL OF HOW ITS SECURITY CAN BE ASSURED UNDER CONDITIONS WHEN FINAL BORDERS WILL CERTAINLY BE DIFFERENT FROM C-F LINES AND WHEN ISRAELI W/DRAWALS ARE INVOLVED....WE HAVE TO THEN ASK THE QUESTION WHAT SORT OF

GUARANTEES -- UNILATERAL, SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND SO FORTH" WILL BE IN ORDER.

ON ABC, HAK NOTED "GREAT POWERS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED TO SOME EXTENT IN M-E. WHAT WE HAVE TO DO IS TRY TO PREVENT EVERY CRISIS FROM TURNING INTO CLASH OF SUPERPOWERS."...ON CBS, HAK SAID US HOPED TO STRIP AWAY SOME OF THE EMOTIONS ON BOTH SIDES IN M-E TO HELP FACILITATE A BETTER SITUATION.

OTHER MIDEAST

ISRAELIS HOPES OF DIRECT FACE-TO-FACE TALKS W/ARABS W/OUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE LOOKS AS IF IT'S RUNNING INTO TROUBLE, WESTERN AND ISRAELI DIPLOMATS SAID IN TEL AVIV. THEY SAID US/USSR NOW APPEAR CERTAIN TO PLAY A DIRECT ROLE....HEIKAL HAS SAID ARABS MUST BRING THEIR SUPPORTERS INTO NEGOTIATIONS. "IT'LL BE SERIOUS CRISIS IF WE WENT TO WAR W/SOVIET WEAPONS AND IN END ACCEPTED US SOLUTION."

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JOBERT ACCUSED US/USSR OF TRYING TO DOMINATE THE WORLD, AND SAID EUROPE MUST RESPOND TO THIS "HUMILIATION" BY URGENT ACTION. HE SAID THE WAR DEMONSTRATED EUROPE'S INABILITY TO INFLUENCE WORLD EVENTS, AND ITS CONTINUED DEPENDENCE ON PRESENCE OF GIS ARMED W/NUKES.

BRANDT HAS REJECTED LIBYAN DEMANDS FOR WEAPONS SUPPLIES AS PART OF PRICE FOR LIFTING ARAB OIL SQUEEZE....HAK INDICATED HIS "INTENSIVE TALKS" W/FEISAL MIGHT PRODUCE SOME EASING OF OIL RESTRICTIONS.

INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SINGH SAID US WAS UNJUSTIFIED IN SENDING NAVAL FORCE INTO INDIAN OCEAN AFTER ALERT CANCELLATION....MEANWHILE 2 SOVIET WARSHIPS ARE ENROUTE TO THAT OCEAN.

JACKSON ON TODAY SAID "SO FAR SO GOOD" RE: SETTLEMENT BECAUSE AT LEAST KILLING'S BEEN STOPPED. BUT HE SEES "REAL CRUNCH" OVER C-F LINES -- WILL THEY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ON-GOING FIGHTING AS BEFORE?

SHULTZ SAID HAK COULDN'T HAVE ACHIEVED AS MUCH AS HE DID IF US

MORAL SUPPORT OF ISRAEL HADN'T BEEN BACKED UP BY MILITARY POWER AND "IF WE HADN'T HAD THE SCORPED C5A CARGO PLANES TO DELIVER EQUIPMENT."

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ENERGY

EVEN IF ARABS HALT OIL CUTOFF, JACKSON SAID, RATIONING WON'T GO

AWAY. IN FACT, HE HOPES US TREATS PRESENT SITUATION AS BLESSING IN DISGUISE AND GOES ALL OUT TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY, SO US WON'T BE SUBJECT TO BLACKMAIL FROM "SOME FANATIC" LIKE KADDAFI. HE PREDICTED THERE'D BE US-WIDE 50 MPH LIMIT, WHICH WOULD SAVE 250,000 BARRELS A DAY. W/RATIONING, SAVINGS COULD BE INCREASED BY 750,000 BARRELS /DAY. FURTHER HE HAS NO DOUBTS DST WILL BE PASSED.

TOKYO'S GOV. SAID ENERGY CRISIS WILL AFFECT JAPAN "EVEN MORE SERIOUSLY THAN IT DOES US."...CBS AM FILM FROM JAPAN WHERE CON-  
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SUMERS ARE IGNORING GOVT SUGGESTIONS TO CONSERVE. GOVT HAS ORDERED FEW RESTRICTIONS, THO, BECAUSE IT'S AFRAID OF OFFENDING CONSUMERS. JAPAN HAS 2-MONTH SUPPLY OF FUEL AND IT HOPES BY THEN M-E WILL BE SETTLED AND JAPAN WILL HAVE RETAINED ARAB FAVOR.

ECONOMY

DOLLAR HIT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN 8 MONTHS ON SOME EUR. MKTS, NOTED CBS W/EXPLANATION THAT OTHERS WILL BE HURT WORSE BY ENERGY SHORTAGES.

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MIDEAST

"A HOPEFUL START FOR AN IMPOSSIBLE GOAL" TOPS TIME'S FEATURED INT'L PIECE....NWSWK HEAD: "TO THE BRINK AGAIN -- AND BACK".  
..."WHERE US IS CAUGHT IN MIDDLE" IS 2-PART US NEWS STORY W/ SUBHEADS, "WHAT ARABS WANT: 'GIVE US OUR LANDS'" AND "WHAT ISRAELIS WANT: 'GIVE US SECURITY'". REPORTS NOTE "WHAT EGYPT WON'T ACCEPT IS TURNING ANY OF ITS LAND OVER TO ISRAEL" BUT "NOT EVEN A PEACE TREATY GUARANTEED BY SUPERPOWERS WOULD BRING TOTAL ISRAELI W/DRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES."

ONCE AGAIN M-E SEEMED POISED ON BRINK OF WAR, SAYS NWSWK. THEN HAK ARRIVED IN CAIRO AND TALK SUDDENLY TURNED PEACE. C-F WAS "A PROMISING BEGINNING -- BUT NO MORE THAN THAT." 1 SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID THAT HAK "HAS A DAZZLING SMILE, BUT THERE ARE GAPS IN IT -- AND THERE ARE GAPS IN AGREEMENT BIG ENOUGH FOR WHOLE THING TO FALL THRU." STILL, SAYS NWSWK, IT WAS A REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE AS, "MUCH IN THE MANNER OF A HURRICANE GATHERING STRENGTH," HAK WOUND WAY ACROSS AFRICA.

"EVEN FOR THE MOST AUDACIOUS SECY IN RECENT HISTORY, THE JOURNEY HAD AN APPEARANCE OF OVERREACH ABOUT IT", SAYS TIME. BUT HE "APPARENTLY ACCOMPLISHED AN ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE GOAL W/ DIRECT TALKS PLAN."..."A HUGE SUCCESS," SAYS TIME OF HAK'S CAIRO STOPOVER. AS FOR THE TRIP OVERALL, ON BOTH SIDES OF THE C-F LINES, "THERE WAS ULTIMATELY A FEELING THAT HAK'S OPENING HAD GIVEN M-E ITS BEST CHANCE FOR PEACE IN 25 YEARS."

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NWSWK NOTES EVEN SYRIA EXPRESSED "SURPRISING WILLINGNESS" TO SIT DOWN AT TABLE W/ISRAEL. IN REACHING OUT TO US, SADAT TOOK A BIG GAMBLE. "BUT SHREWDLY, HE MANEIVERED HAK OUT ONTO THE M-E TIGHTROPE -- FOR A MORE CHALLENGING HIGH-WIRE ACT THAN HE'S EVER PERFORMED BEFORE." 1 DIPLOMAT SAID "HAK'S MAGIC MAY HAVE WORKED AGAIN FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT A STAGGERING CHALLENGE -- EVEN FOR HAK -- STILL LIES AHEAD."

"MAYBE IT CAN'T BE DONE, BUT IF ANYBODY CAN DO IT, HAK CAN," IS A SISCO-QUOTED REMARK LEADING TIME'S "AROUND THE WORLD W/HENRY."

NWSWK NOTES USSR APPEARED DISTINCTLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE UNILATERAL US MISSION. USSR SOURCES SAID ANY MEANINGFUL TALKS WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE USSR. BUT HAK TRIP AND THE "SUDDEN WARMING" OF US-EGYPT RELATIONS "POINTED UP ANEW THAT UNLIKE USSR -- US IS ABLE TO DEAL W/BOTH" SIDES.

ENERGY

"THE ARABS' NEW OIL SQUEEZE: DIMOUTS, SLOWDOWNS, CHILLS" IS TIME'S COVER STORY....NWSWK W/A BROADER FOCUS IN ITS COVER STORY: "RUNNING OUT OF EVERYTHING" AS UNCLE SAM FINDS THE ONCE OVERFLOWING AMERICAN CORNUCOPIA INCREASINGLY EMPTY.

"M-E OIL STOPS FLOWING -- AND US FEELS 1ST PINCH" IS US NEWS LEAD STORY.

US NEWS REPORTS SOME HAK SUBORDINATES ARE BEGINNING TO VOICE COMPLAINTS, LIKE HIS "IN-BASKET IS BIGGEST ROADBLOCK IN TOWN. HE HAS TIME ONLY FOR THE "BIG" PROGRAMS... AND DRAGS HIS FEET ON OTHER MATTERS."....BOTH TIME'S AND NWSWK'S PEOPLE SECTIONS NOTE HAK TOOK NBC'S WALTERS TO SANS SOUCI AND FELL VICTIM TO BUCHWALD JOKE. WHEN THEY STOPPED BY HIS TABLE, ART SAID, "HERE THEY ARE, HENRY," AND POINTED TO 2 REELS OF TAPE. NWSWK. NOTES IT WAS "FUNNY ENOUGH TO GET A HEARTY LAUGH FROM HAK," BUT HE LEFT THEM THERE, NOTES TIME. UNQUOTE RUSH

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